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THIS PHOTOGRAPH WAS reportedly taken about 1 p.m. on August 3, 1954, by Erich Kaiser as he descended from Reichenstein Mountain in Styria (Austria). The "objects," silvery-white in color and smaller than the full moon, traveled in a straight N.E. direction in the fogging but windless sky. The sole witness supposedly did not see "object" to left in photo nor the "exhaust trail." Three photo-specialists are said to have examined and pronounced the photograph genuine. Herr Kaiser resides at Hohentauern (near Trieben) in Austria. (Photograph Courtesy of J. Heinrich Ragaz, Zurich, Switzerland.)

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E D I T O R I A L

"FLYING SAUCERS ARE FINALLY RESPECTABLE."

Credit for this long-awaited comment can go almost solely to the recently formed National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP for short) in Washington, D. C. Never, apparently, has such a concerted and enthusiastic effort been initiated to resolve the various aspects of the overall UFO problem and to force termination of the formidable official censorship surrounding the subject.

Director of NICAP is Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, renowned as the world's foremost civilian authority on these phenomena. Lee R. Munsick is Associate Editor and Rose Hackett Campbell is the Administrative Assistant. They should all be highly commended for their tireless and selfless work in NICAP's behalf.

Impressive names on the organization's Board of Governors include: Col. Robert B. Emerson, USAR, physicist; Frank Edwards, news analyst; Prof. Charles A. Maney, Physics Dept., Defiance College (Ohio); Vice-Admiral Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter, USN (ret.), former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency; Lt. Generals P. A. del Valle, USMC (ret.) and William E. Kepner, USAF (ret.); Maj. Dewey J. Fournet, Jr., USAFR, former liaison intelligence officer on Project Blue Book; Dr. Marcus Bach, professor of religion, Iowa State U.; Talbot T. Speer, The Speer Foundation; Abraham M. Sonnabend; Brig. General Thomas B. Catron, USA (ret.); Rear Admiral Herbert B. Knowles, USN (ret.); the Reverends Leon C. LeVan and Albert H. Baller, and J. B. Hartranft, Jr., President of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

IN ADDITION TO THE BOARD of Governors, the following gentlemen have been named to a Panel of Special Advisors for NICAP: Captains William B. Nash and Clarence S. Chiles (airline pilots); Warrant Officer Delbert C. Newhouse (aerial photographer), USN; Albert M. Chop; Lou Corbin, and Wilbert B. Smith.

As of this writing, NICAP has published the first of its monthly magazine, The UFO Investigator. There is no question but that this periodical should be in the hands of all serious UFO researchers and enthusiasts. The publication is illustrated and lithographed, and contains 32 (8½x11-inch) pages.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP IN NICAP is open to everyone. Annuel dues are $7.50, which entitles the member to all bulletins and magazines published by the organization. We can all help UFO research by supporting NICAP, for only they are in a position—by their large and reputable membership and strategic location in the District of Columbia—to force certain issues in Washington.

WHAT ULTIMATE GOOD will come of NICAP no one can venture. But we think Frank Edwards summed it up quite well at a recent Los Angeles lecture when he stated: "I think that when Admiral Hillenkoetter and Admiral Fahrney and General Catron and General Kepner and Major Dewey Fournet...put their names on the report which we will eventually issue, it's going to be awfully difficult to brush them off as screwballs."

Flying Saucers International can do nothing less than to recommend that we all support NICAP to the fullest extent possible. Those wishing to join this great effort may write to NICAP, 1536 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington 6, D. C.

CONCLUSIVE PROOF THAT SAUCERS EXIST

By DR. OLAVO FONTES

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following incident, excluding Editor's Notes, is reproduced from the article "We Have Visitors From Outer Space" which appeared in the July 1957 issue of The A.P.R.O. Bulletin, organ of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, Alamogordo, New Mexico. Dr. Olavo Fontes, a respected physician and surgeon, is Chief of the Gastroenterology Section of the National Medicine School in Rio de Janeiro.)

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ON THE NIGHT OF DECEMBER 13, 1954 /another account indicated other published account, possibly erroneous, gave the date as Dec. 20/, just after sunset, three round, cone-shaped craft passed across the skies of Campinas, one of the largest cities of Sao Paulo state /Brazil/. Moving noiselessly in a tight formation, the "unknowns" shot out of the clouds at high speed and maneuvered over the city for a few minutes—before finally disappearing toward the southwest. They were sighted by dozens of citizens all over the city. The most incredible report came from a woman who lived at Major Solon St. She refused to disclose her identity to the press because she didn't wish any kind of publicity. She reported being in the backyard washing some clothes when she saw the objects maneuvering in the sky at terrific speed. Amazed, she watched the spectacle. Suddenly one of the UFO's dived quickly in a new kind of maneuver, and came very low over her roof, lighting up the surroundings for a few momemts. This craft was dull-grey in color, round-shaped and resembled "two plates turned upside down and put together;" one of the plates was fixed, but the other was spinning like a top emitting a strong fluorescent light which illuminated the ground around her for a few seconds—like daylight. Then, in an unexpected maneuver, it abruptly rushed up into the night to join the others. But in that moment the woman witnessed an eerie spectacle . . . A liquid substance had been dropped from the craft, apparently coming from the spinning part of it, and was falling toward the ground like a "silver rain."

Part of this material fell in her backyard (the rest over the nearby houses) in a cemented area near the washing-tank. Startled, she came closer to see what it was. A brilliant, glowing stain—10 centimeters in diameter—was spread over the cement. She even tried to touch it, but stopped in time when she felt the heat it radiated. The "thing" was incandescent—white-hot—and giving a boiling sound. Frightened, she called for help. A neighbor, Professor Benedite G. Nascimento (ret. /Rua Major Solon, 28/), came to the place. He was a man of solid reputation in the town and a correspondent of the local newspaper, the Correio Popular. By a curious coincidence, this man was a hard-boiled skeptic about the flying saucers and even had written some articles (published by the Correio Popular), trying to prove that UFO's did not exist. And now he had before his eyes the best evidence—PHYSICAL PROOF—of the UFO's existence. If it was true, of course. But he was no fool. The substance clearly was some kind of molton metal," and he had to wait for it to cool off. In the meantime, he phoned some friends to come to the place at once; and reported the incident to newspapers and radio stations in the town. Before a number of witnesses the material was collected and brought to the office of the Correio Popular. From that place, it was sent to Young Laboratories (at 584 Francisco Deodoro St.) to be analyzed. One of the chemists

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told the reporters that "the sample had, at naked-eye, all the characteristics of TIN (symbol Sn). In a few hours the analyses will give the answer."

THE METALLIC SAMPLE WAS ANALYZED by the chief chemist, Dr. Visvalde Maffei, before several witnesses. Six hours later, Dr. Maffei released to the press the following report, transcribed verbatim:

"The sample analyzed is a combination of chemically pure TIN (Sn)—88.91 per cent, and oxygen (O)—11.9 per cent—as oxide. No other element or impurity of any kind was found in the material in question. In other words, the analysis proved the 'substance' to be really a metal, which was definitely Tin—in high concentration and exceptionally pure; and with no impurities or trace elements excepting oxygen, which came from the oxidation in contact with the atmosphere.

"Observation: The results above refer only to the sample received, which weighed 1.30 Gm."

NEXT DAY, IN A PRESS CONFERENCE, Dr. Maffei was asked to explain better the analyses' report, to translate it into non-technical terms. In a strained voice, he made then the following statement:

"The 'substance' analyzed had 88.91½ /per cent/ of tin, chemically pure tin. The rest was oxygen, derived from the high degree of oxidation of the molton metal in the atmosphere. I can affirm categorically that this is the purest tin ever found on Earth; in no place on our planet can a concentration as high as this—with so perfect a purity—be obtained. I would like to stress, on the other side, that tin manufactured for industrial use has only 75 per cent of it /pure/—the rest being consituted of other elements, like iron, antimonium, lead, arsenium, etc. Even the purest tin manufactured by special procedures, with a percentage of 99.99 per cent /purity/, presents infinitesimal quantities of these elements—which can be detected by spectroscopic analysis.

"In the material analyzed, however, the metal is absolutely pure, chemically pure, with a percentage of 100 per cent. The oxygen can be obviously discarded. It was not in the original material.

"To conclude, I consider the material in question as completely unknown to this Earth...that is, tin of the most absolute purity, in concentration never found until today."

DR. MAFFEI FINISHED THIS STARTLING statement before a quiet, motionless audience. He was in a state of high tension. The spectators stood silent for a time, some faces worried, some confused and perplexed, a few bewildered. Then a reporter asked for his opinion about the origin of the material. He answered he was so disturbed about the whole incident that he could offer no solution to the problem. He did add, however, that metals in so high a state of purity are usually of meteoritic origin as it happens, for example, with iron-nickel meteorites. But this hypothesis could be definitely excluded here. A meteorite of pure tin has never been found...

The incident made headlines all over the country. The report and statement transcribed above were published and discussed by Rio's newspapers on December 22-3-4, 1954.

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THE AIR DEFENSE COMMAND, at Rio de Janeiro, sent immediately an emissary to get a sample of the metal at Campinas. He was the RTTE sergeant Nelson Banderiao da Silva. He left a receipt in the office of the Correio Popular, where the material was deposited. The results of the analysis made by the Air Force, however, were kept secret. An official statement was promised, but never released. I was informed that exhaustive tests performed by AF chemists only confirmed the results obtained by Dr. Maffei. By an ironic coincidence, this information came the same day I read an article about the flying saucers by Major Ruppelt, USAFR, in the magazine True (May 1954), with the following statement (p. 134):

"...in the seven years there has been no physical evidence of the existence of saucers. The Air Force...has seen no 'hardware' that it cannot explain as man-made."

/EDITOR'S NOTE: Recently published information on the above incident has disclosed that Reporter Danton Gomes of the Correio Popular uncovered more than 30 persons who had found fragments of the reportedly fallen substance. One such sample was submitted to Prof. Charles A. Maney, Dept. of Physics, Defiance College, Ohio, by Cmdr. Auriphebo B. Simoes, Operations Manager for the Sao Paulo branch of Cruzeiro do Sul Airlines, for analysis. Cmdr. Simoes reported that according to witnesses, the chunk of metal held by Brazilian Air Authorities "contracted tremendously even after it was two days old. And this material is still contracting after more than two years."

Professor Maney is head of the Physics Dept. of Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio. In 1950 he outlined an "Atoms for Peace Plan" in a letter to the late Senator Brien McMahon; this original version has subsequently been placed in the National Archives at Washington, D. C. Prof. Maney, a Board Member of NICAP, is also noted for his "Experimental Study of Sliding Friction" which was published in the April 1952 issue of the American Journal of Physics. The statement to follow by Prof. Maney is extracted from an address he gave before the Society of Professional Engineers, Toledo, Ohio, on May 15, 1957, and is reproduced from UFO-Critical Bulletin, Sao Paulo, Brazil, for July-August 1957.

"A few weeks ago I received from Mr. Simoes a sample of the silvery metal which fell in Campinas on December 20, 1954. At my request, Professor Nathan Meltz of the Defiance College Department of Chemistry agreed to analyze a portion of this sample. Professor Meltz with a background of considerable experience in analyzing metals was intrigued when I told him of the analysis made by Dr. Maffei which showed tin free from the usual impurities found associated with that element in both the natural and processed state.

"Professor Meltz was particularly interested in making careful tests to see if any trace of antimony were present in the sample. It seems that wherever tin is found in the natural state or used in processed form, as in the plating of cans, the antimony remains there as an impurity. Of course, the research chemist can separate the antimony from the tin, but it is almost never done, and when done, for only research purposes.

"Professor Meltz broke the sample down to test for tin and antimony only. He applied four tests: (1) the conventional test, using a silver coin and a strip of tin in a hydrochloric

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acid solution; (2) the Rhodamin test; (3) the Pyragallol test; and (4) the potassium iodide and Pyradine test. None of these tests showed the slightest trace of antimony, a result that seemed to amaze Professor Meltz.

"The density of this small sample was found to be 10.3, whereas the density of tin as given in published tables is 7.3."7

AIR FORCE REPORTS ON EDWARDS UFO TRACKING

MANY READERS OF SAUCERS will recall the Edwards Air Force Base UFO sighting as recounted on page 19 ("UFO News") in the Summer issue. It stated that two phototheodolite specialists had tracked and photographed a UFO over the AFB last May 3. The object was described as round, bright in the morning sun, and traveling slowly. The source was The Los Angeles Times for May 9, 1957.

The Editor of SAUCERS wrote to the Air Force pursuant to this sighting on May 10. Their response, in a letter dated 11 June 1957, came from Major Robert F. Spence of the Office of Information Services. The AF refused a request, even for an in-person inspection at their local OPI, for the writer to see the official report and copies of the photographs.

Nevertheless, Major Spence kindly recounted the official Air Force conclusions to the incident, as follows:

"a. The alleged UFO was conclusively identified as a balloon from a weather unit a few miles west of the observer's location.

"b. This was corroborated by an independent report which disclosed that this balloon was being tracked at that time with precision recording devices. The data show that the balloon passed the observer's location at almost the precise time, bearings, elevations and speed reported by them.

"c. The radar unit for that area reported that there was nothing unusual or unidentified in the air over Edwards Air Force Base at the times in question.

"d. Objects in the photographs, even after magnification, were found to be small white specks, alternately changing from elliptical to round in shape. These are typical of a number of similar reports received by the Air Force, which upon investigation were found to be balloons, the odd appearances being caused by specular reflection of sunlight and other atmospheric conditions peculiar to desert regions.

"It is the opinion of the Air Force that any attempt to attribute anything unusual or mysterious to the incident is unwarranted and not supported by the facts."

THERE IT IS. Additional data, including photographs, would have been helpful. But the Air Force's cooperation in this matter, as far as it went, should be fully acknowledged.

Not many comments can be laid to this report. It is, however, interesting to note that the "balloon" passed near the observers at "almost the precise time, bearings /etc./...reported by them." Also curious is plurality in the reference to "Objects in the photographs". Lastly, it should be remembered that the "specks" were "alternately changing from elliptical to round in shape."

SHORT SHOTS & NEWS NOTES

IN WHAT MAY ULTIMATELY PROVE to be one of the most important public surveys ever taken, Trendex News Polls has come up with some interesting public reaction to the UFO enigma. In a recent McClure Newspaper syndicated article (The Indianapolis Star, 8/24), Trendex Director Jack Boyle revealed that 25.3 per cent of the nation's populace—which would indicate a totality of about 42.5 million people—"believe there is some possibility that" flying saucers "may be objects from outer space". Some 52.9 per cent of the persons queried indicated either disbelief or a terrestrial origin for UFO's, while 21.8% replied that they "didn't know." In the article, Boyle pointed to responses which indicate that "considerable misinformation persists about...UFO's. Some people were sure government statements had confirmed their existence; others thought the government had declared them imaginary." This Trendex Poll compares favorably with one taken by the Princeton Research Service in late 1952, the conclusions of which were revealed by Director Kenneth Fink on October 25 of that year (Los Angeles Examiner, 10/26/52). At that time, 6% of those queried replied that they thought saucers to be interplanetary; about 28 per cent indicated total disbelief; 37 per cent "didn't know," and many others responded with varied opinions. One of the most amazing things to come out of the 1952 poll was the fact that six per cent of the public (then about 9 million persons) stated they had never heard of "flying saucers."

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"THE REAL FLYING SAUCER STORY" is a tentative production plan by Hollywood Producer-Director Ron Ormond. Under a "Project Outer Space," the objective is to produce a feature-length "dramatized account of the most outstanding contact stories". Ormond indicates belief that certain Hollywood studios will attempt to prevent production of the film. "This is the film the Hollywood studios refused to make because it features facts contrary to the established policy of showing anything from outer space as human-like and kindly," stated Ormond, who heads the Visual Aids and Motion Picture Assistance Committee for the U. S. Air Force Auxiliary. Those interested may write to "Project Outer Space," 5880 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood 28, Calif.

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WILLIAM P. LEAR, noted aviation industrialist, opened the Engineering Essentials Show at the Statler Hotel, Los Angeles, last August 1st. In reaffirming his belief in the UFO, Lear told a press conference that he didn't "know why we should be conceited enough to think that when God created the /Universe/ there was just our little world." He said that UFO's "may not necessarily carry men in them; neither is the satellite we are going to launch. Maybe there is just radio equipment that is sending back information which our satellite is going to do. Who can say there isn't another world out there?" the electronics pioneer asked. "There must be some beings, probably as human as we are." Lear observed that "scientists said 25 years ago that television was impracticable." (Los Angeles Mirror-News, 8/1/57.)

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WALT DISNEY PRODUCTIONS has just completed "Mars and Beyond," about possible life on other planets, for Disneyland television release on December 4. The program, Directed by Ward Kimball, will open with animated satirization on science-fiction, space travel, flying saucers—and Mars. This will develop into a serious discussion of the "Mystery Planet" by Dr. E. C. Slipher, of the Lowell Observatory, and Wernher Von Braun. Films of the planet taken at Lowell will also be presented.

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BOOKS. THOSE INTERESTED in the recently published Steps to the Stars by Daniel W. Fry (cloth $2.50, paper $1.50) may order from Understanding, 11376 Frankmont St., El Monte, Calif. The publication is described as attempting "to dissolve a few of the artificial barriers to progress which have been raised by our purely mathematical approach to the laws or facts of the universe." (Understanding is currently publishing a monthly periodical of that title—i.e., Understanding—the price of which is 25¢ per copy, $2.50 per annum. Same address.) . . . A new book by Aime Michel, renowned for his The Truth About Flying Saucers, will soon be translated for American publication. It presumably will deal primarily with the numerous European "little men" landing reports of 1954-55 . . . Coral E. Lorenzen is the latest to announce an intention of writing a tome on the UFO enigma. The book will reportedly "appeal...to the laymen and scientists in every field." . . . A recent British addition to conjecture relevant to possible other-worldly intelligence(s) is The Inhabited Universe by Kenneth W. Gatland and Derek D. Dempster (Wingate, London, 1957; 21s.), two very capable writers. After perusing its contents, we earnestly hope that this volume will soon be published in the United States . . . And speaking of England, that country will shortly see publication of Frank Edwards' Strangest of All. "This means the book will have to be translated into English," observed the author . . . Jets and Missiles by Andy Bilimovich is an excellent reference book on current and obsolete jet and rocket aircraft, available on most newsstands for 75¢ (Trend Book 155).

IN A BROADCAST OVER RADIO MOSCOW on July 24, 1957, Russian Scientist Yury Khlebtsovich related that a five-stage unmanned, television-transmitting rocket can be launched to Venus within ten years to determine whether or not there are living beings on the planet. Soviet scientists claim it important that we know of life—or the lack of it—on Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Uranus because of our advancement to the threshold of interplanetary travel. Professor G. A. Tikhov, Director of the Astrobotany Sector of the Kazakh Academy of Sciences, has opined that "one of the basic conclusions of our observations is that Mars does have plant life," which circumstances we can announce with sufficient certainty." (AP, 7/24/57; Missiles and Rockets, 8/57.)

CORRECTIONS. If the Summer issue of SAUCERS did nothing else, it must have established a record for the number of errata per issue, as follows: Page 6, paragraph 6, line 6: "took" instead of "to" (3rd word from right); para. 8, line 8: place "ready" between 2nd and 3rd words; p. 9, para. 1, line 5: place "which began" between "storm"" and "on"; p. 10, para. 4, line 1: change "Fariety" to "Gariety" (our apologies are extended); p. 14, para. 2, line 9: "grounds" to "groups"; p. 16, para. 1, line 4: "and" (5th word) to "about"; et cetera.

THE 35-MM COLOR SLIDES of UFO personalities mentioned in the last edition of "Short Shots & News Notes" are finally available—and an excellent set they make, too. The Kodachrome slides include Dan Fry, Geo. Van Tassel, Long John, Geo. Adamski, Ray Stanford, Orfeo Angelucci, Truman Bethurum, Calvin Girvin, Robt. Gardner and many others, plus some shots of the recent Giant Rock convention. To your Editor, the dramatic (and frightening) photos of a nuclear detonation are the piece de resistance. Write to Color Control Co., 5880 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles 28, for information.

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FLYING SAUCERS INTERNATIONAL presented Frank Edwards—internationally renowned author, lecturer and news analyst—to a near capacity attendance of about 450 persons at Baces Hall in Los Angeles last August 8th. An added attraction was the local premiere showing of "What Are The Flying Saucers?"—a half-hour filmed debate on UFO's featuring Donald E. Keyhoe, William B. Nash, Jonathan Leonard and Willy Ley (Fate, June 1957, pp. 18-19). General reaction to the lecture was extremely favorable. The program was honored by a splendid introduction of Mr. Edwards by Tom Towers, Aviation Editor of the Los Angeles Examiner and remembered for his portrayal of Albert M. Chop in United Artists' "Unidentified Flying Objects." We wish to extend particular thanks to the following persons for their helpful and selfless cooperation: Tom Towers, Robert C. Beck, Mrs. I. E. Epperson, James P. Comstock, Bob Wright (KRCA), Ruth Ashton (CBS), Ben Hunter (KFI), Manon Darlaine, Russ Leadabrand (Pasadena Independent), Chuck Riley (City News Service), Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Goodell, Frank Murray, Carol A. Honey, Sim Armon (of Baces Hall), and others.

Mr. Edwards

ODDS & ENDS. Our congratulations are hereby extended to the Association of Lunar and Planetary Observers, 1203 N. Alameda St., Las Cruces, N. M., which recently observed its Tenth Anniversary with a 72-page anniversary issue of The Strolling Astronomer . . . Weekend Magazine, a Canadian syndicated Sunday newspaper insert, and Writer Alan Phillips are to be congratulated for their objective article on UFO research, which appeared in their July 7/57 issue. The material centered around NICAP and Wilbert B. Smith . . . Tape-Recorded UFO Information Service is continually adding to their excellent library of saucer-related tape recordings available to the public. Send stamped, return envelope to either Henry M. Henriksen, 1312 Grove Ave., Racine 4, Wis., or Dr. A. G. Dittmar, Au Sable Forks, N. Y., for information . . . Timely rear automobile window stickers printed "Made On Mars By Little Green Men" are currently available for 15¢ each, two for 25¢. They measure 4x6¼-inches. They may be ordered thru Flying Saucers International . . . On Sept. 9 Studio One (CBS) presented "The Night America Trembled," a dramatization of the 1938 Orson Welles' famed "Invasion from Mars" broadcast. Although the radio studio re-enactment was finely directed and performed, the remainder of the program was poorly and sluggishly developed, with dragging continuity and a most undocumentary style . . . We understand the forthcoming issue of NICAP's UFO Investigator will contain some especially important and dramatic UFO data. So don't miss it . . . Flying Saucers International has learned, from an unimpeachable source, that the spectral emission of the "green fireball" (correctly: yellow-green) phenomena that has plagued the Southwestern United States since 1948 most closely resembles that of the element Uranium. This is contrary to published reports, all of which have indicated a close proximity to metallic Copper. Apparently certain precautions were initiated to prevent disclosure of the above datum . . . A half-hour on-location tape recording of John Otto's Lake Michigan "contact attempt" /SAUCERS, Summer 1957, p. 57 —made by Hugh Hill of CBS—was featured over WBBM, Chicago, on June 8th. The documentary program ("Ear on Chicago") was presented by the Illinois Institute of Technology . . . The Air Force will

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shortly reveal latest statistics (including "the number of UFO sightings the Air Force has investigated") with reference to Project Blue Book, current as of June 30, 1957 . . . The Pasadena (Calif.) Air Filter Center of late has indicated an almost total lack of interest in accepting UFO reports, something unique for that Center. We wonder if this reflects a change in official policy? . . . Time Mag for Sept. 9/57 recounts the story of a new "contact" claimant in Brazil—Joao de Freitas Guimaraes, "wealthy, respected professor of Roman law at Santos' Catholic University," and a father of four. The "contact" was reportedly effected in the summer of last year . . . According to Missiles and Rockets Magazine (9/57, p. 152), the Air Research and Defense Command has ordered the "Office of Scientific Research to deny any-and-all contemplation of moon rockets" . . . The insignia to the left is

the official emblem of the German Fliegende Untertassen Revue, published bi-monthly by Verlag S. Brandt, Darmstadt, Schaffnitstr. 8, West Germany. Subscription to this translated edition of the Flying Saucer Review is 15 DM per annum . . . Und sprechen of der Deutschland, a recently published book in that country, titled (translated) German Secret Weapons of World War II, by Rudolf Lusar (wartime Chief of the Technical Arms Department of the German War Ministry), claims that a 138-foot-in-diameter circular airfoil achieved an altitude in excess of 40,000 feet and a velocity of 1,250 mph on its maiden flight at Prague on February 14, 1945. Aircraft was supposedly designed by three Germans and one Italian. (Refer Flying Saucers—Fact or Fiction?, p. 24, paragraphs 5-8.)

DR. J. C. COOKE, PROFESSOR of Applied Mathematics at the University of Malaya, told the Science Society of Malaya on May 15, 1957, that he believed UFO's to be not only real but "controlled by intelligent beings from outside the Earth." (It has been reported that Prof. Cooke formed his convictions from reading Flying Saucers from Outer Space by Keyhoe.) This statement gained quick support from Prof. R. A. Robinson, head of the University's Chemistry Department. "I think Professor Cooke's attitude is quite correct," Prof. Robinson opined. "I wouldn't say it's impossible or incredible that flying saucers are controlled in this way." The Professor observed that it was "not so long ago that scientists thought they had proved that man could never fly and that an iron ship must inevitably sink. The proper attitude for a scientist to take is to preserve an open mind until there is more conclusive evidence available." (The /Singapore?/ Straits Times, 5/17. Courtesy of Harold H. Fulton, Dom. President, Civilian Saucer Investigation (N.Z.).)

THE JUNE 1957 ISSUE of Uranus related the following: "Engineer Viktor Schauberger of the Biological Institute of Bad Ischl, well known for his 'Golden Plough' and his water purification system, is reported to have produced and flown, as far back as 1940, hat or bell shaped craft—presumably of model sizes—made from copper, utilizing diamagnetism. A reference to this is in Mr. Sievers' book, Flying Saucers uber Sudafrika." Egerton Sykes, publisher of Uranus and writer of the above, reports that he "met Schauberger about six years ago /1951?/ and was most impressed by his work." Uranus is published bi-monthly by Markham House Press, 31 Kings Rd., London, S.W. 3, England (35¢ each, 6 issues $1.50).

UFO* NEWS

*Official U.S. Government designation for Unidentified Flying Objects

Ventura, Calif., May 21. Hearing two concusive blasts about 8:25 a.m., students entering an English class at the Ventura Senior High School went to the window to look for the presumed jet aircraft, two of which were noted in the sky. However, in another area of the sky Bob Gould observed a white or silvery colored object—about the size of the head of a pin held at arms' length—approximately 70° above the NW horizon. Eventually, most of the class and the teacher observed the UFO, which disappeared within two minutes of 8:53. Gould and John Weigle, both GOC members, immediately reported the sighting to the Pasadena Air Filter Center and to Oxnard AFB. There apparently was no official explanation, although theories of Venus or a balloon being misidentified as the object have been advanced. (Ventura Star Free Press, 5/28.)

Kansas City, Kansas, May 23. Four silvery objects flying in formation NE over the Quindaro Water and Power Plant were reported in the a.m. by John Campbell and Theodore Cox. Aided by witnesses Arthur Wilson, Clarence Barnett and Weyman Kinney, the men reported the formation split into two pairs, one of which flew SW, the other disappeared for a few seconds, then reappeared and rejoined the first pair. Starting northward, the formation—which was visible for about two minutes altogether—finally disappeared at a rapid velocity. At one point the witnesses reported some red on one of the objects. Officials at Richards-Gebaur AFB declined to state whether or not the UFO's had been tracked on radar. (Kansas City Kansan, 5/24.)

Crockett, Calif., June 18. Crewmen Roy Melton (chief electrician), L. I. Noe (second electrician) and Virge Dixon, Jr. (second cook), said they spotted two UFO's—"like small moons, diffusing a cold, white, unchanging light"—off the port beam of the Matson freighter, Hawaiian Fisherman, at 8 p.m. Fifteen minutes later, a third object joined the original two, and "all three moved slowly off in a 'V' formation and paced the freighter for a while." Capt. C. G. Wertz was paraphrased as saying that he had never seen anything like it in all his seagoing experience. (Oakland Tribune, 6/20.)

Chicago, July 11. Hundreds of persons reported a huge object floating over the city. One witness told of a long flowing tail (coincident to certain types of balloons), while another focused binoculars and reported seeing "little men" running around on it. One man phoned the Sheriff's Office: "Repent! This is the end of the world!" Jet fighters at O'Hare Field were readied to investigate the aerial intruder. Curiously, Chicago experienced one of the worst rain storms in its recorded history the following day. But, Alas!, the Weather Bureau explained everything (it was a weather balloon loose from its mooring at 60,000 feet)—everything, that is, but the "little men" running around on it. (Lowell Thomas' Broadcast, CBS, 7/12.)

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Bainbridge, Ohio, July 16. Nine-year-old Alex Vana awoke at 4:30 a.m., glanced out his window, and called for his mother. "There were four bright orange lights in the sky west of us," described Mrs. Geraldine Vana. "They were in perfect alignment, moving to the south. I called my husband and by then there was a fifth orange light. They moved out of sight to the south." (Cleveland Press, 7/16.)

Near Sydney, Australia, July 16-18. An important UFO "flap"—too extensive to recount here—presumably involved thousands of witnesses, including two airline pilots, a Civil Defense director and a physics instructor among others. For example, at 8:30 p.m. on July 16, Mr. and Mrs. John Hickey of Katoomba heard a sound like an airplane overhead, so rushed outdoors and observed a brilliant object approach the area, hover for six minutes as "loud sounds echoed from it," and watched as it gradually faded into the distance. Their son, John Hickey, Jr., 23, said the UFO shot "flashes of light into the air." (Sydney Morning Herald, 7/17,18,19; The New Zealand Herald, Auckland Star, 7/20; and Reuter and N.Z.P.A. press dispatches. Our special thanks go to John M. Short and Harold H. Fulton.)

Salt Flat Texas, July 17. American Airlines Flight 655, out of Dallas bound for Los Angeles, nearly collided with an "unidentified aircraft" in the early morning, hospitalizing Mrs. Mina Katz of Los Angeles and Jesse Bibbs of Fresno, Calif. The DC-6 was flying at 14,000 feet when "a strange aircraft—at least the size of a B-47" climbed toward the plane and swerved in its direction as the airliner took evasive action. "It appeared to us that he didn't even see us," recounted the pilot, Capt. Ed Bachner of Fort Worth, who was later paraphrased as stating he had seen a green light which he presumed was the running light of another aircraft. (AP, 7/17; Los Angeles Examiner, Herald-Express, 7/18.)

La Mesa, Calif., July 17. Mrs. Charles C. Carroll told local CD headquarters of a UFO that whirled over her house at 4:10 a.m. "I've never heard a noise like that before," she said. (La Mesa Scout, 7/18.)

Three Navy Neptune P2V's crashed between the 19th and 23rd of July—two in Italy and one near Honolulu. Unusually anomalous circumstances surrounded these and several other air crashes in mid-July. On July 16, a C-47 with 16 persons aboard inexplicably vanished near Taipei, Formosa. Formosan Police reported an explosion and flames during the night on Mt. Chiaopeng, but AF authorities discounted possibility of a relevancy to missing aircraft. On July 18, one of three B-47's flying a "classified" mission crashed into a mountain peak near Shafter, Nevada. A witness said the plane appeared as a streak of flame in the sky. (Note proximity of these crashes to airliner near collisions with UFO's.) (AP, 1/17,20,24.)

Northern Rhodesia, July 21. Disc-shaped UFO's "having flaming tails, and /which/ go like sixty" were reported by "copper miners in six camps in this region." Uranium refining operations have recently begun in Rhodesia. (AP, 7/21.)

Texas, July 23. A TWA airliner out of New York bounded for Phoenix with 34 passengers on board suddenly dropped 500 feet from its assigned altitude of 18,000 feet to avoid collision with "a red and green light bearing down on us" at 10 p.m., according to Capt.

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G. M. Schemel of Kenosha, Wisc. Mrs. Mary Clark was hospitalized at Amarillo with head cuts and a bruised back and Hostess Dorothy Rekow suffered a bruised hip and possible back injuries but continued with the flight. "As we lowered the plane, the object went over our heads and that's all there was to it," Capt. Schemel stated. "I have no idea what the object was. When you see something like that, you're too busy avoiding it to try to identify it." (AP, 7/23.)

Oregon City, Ore., July 25. Tax appraisers Brad Woodward and Carl Pollack sighted a silver dollar-shaped object at a 45° angle to them through a moving car windshield at 12:35 p.m. The UFO nearly blinded the two men as it silently but rapidly sped across the sky, disappearing from view out the the right-hand corner of the windshield. Both witnesses agreed that the "object appeared to be spinning and was tilted at a slight angle." (Oregon City Enterprise-Courier, 7/28.)

Toronto, Canada, July. RCAF Ground Observers tracked a UFO for the past month (as of July 26), with orders to keep close watch on it. "It's like a little ball of fire," Chief Observer Herb Harrison reported. "It keeps shifting from east to west to south. We have no idea what it is." (AP, 7/26.)

Galt, Ontario, Canada, July 30. Jack Stephens, 15, said he saw a round, silver-colored object hover for 40 minutes before landing 300 yards away, on the farm of G. S. Knapp. He described the object as about 35 feet in diameter, 12 feet high and with a turret and portholes. Two days later, Gerry Powelko and Danny Oliver, both 14, found 8x14-inch, three-toed "footprints" imbedded two inches in hard ground. Also found were five reputed burned patches in corn stubble. Farmer Knapp said the circular burns could not have been a field fire or the whole area would have been destroyed. "If it is a hoax, I don't know how they could have done it." Young Stephens stated that his attention was drawn to the object by "a queer singing kind of hum. The top was bright and it didn't revolve but the round body was spinning very fast." The object reportedly "dropped like a helicopter," emitted "red flame out the bottom of it as it hovered two feet above the ground," after which it silently ascended out of sight. On August 1, a huge object crossed downtown Toronto, stopping traffic in streets and jamming police and newspaper switchboards. It was "identified" by WB as a 200-foot balloon released in Japan. (Toronto Telegram, 8/3; Laimon A. Mitris.)

Nantucket, Mass., Aug. 5. Dr. Philip Bishop (a medical practitioner), his wife and their hostess, Miss Adden Gray, all of New York, watched a cigar-shaped object—like a cigarette on end—about 20° above the western horizon from 7:23 to 7:40 p.m. First appearing as a vapor trail, the UFO gradually became more distinct, with its lower portion noticeably rounded. Eventually the object—the center of which was dark flanked by white edges—assumed a horizontal position. Dr. Bishop, who discounted the possibility of the object being a blimp, said "part of it looked almost transparent." It later developed that Hans L. Mannheim, M. D., also viewed the phenomenon, at 7:15 in the SW, as he and his wife were driving to the local hospital. Dr. Mannheim said the object's "color was a golden pink as one would expect it to be of an object reflecting the rays of the setting sun." (Nantucket Town Crier, 8/9; Inquirer & Mirror, 8/10,17. Our thanks go to Mary Jane Ashman and Roger Williamson.)

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UFO NEWS

The Midwest, Aug. 5-7. Thousands of persons throughout the Midwest, but predominantly in central Indiana, reported unidentified aerial objects. A Marion Country (Ind.?) Sheriff's Captain said he had been informed that radar near Celino, Ohio, tracked a UFO at 2,000 mph as it came out of Indiana. (AP, UP. Courtesy of Frank Edwards and Paul R. Trent.)

Anapolis, Brazil, Aug. 9. Luminous UFO observed by hundreds hovered for 40 minutes about "a half mile above" this central Brazilian city before it disappeared toward the Atlantic Coast. (New York Daily News, 8/10?)

San Bernardino, Calif., Aug. 21. Numerous residents reported a long, white, glowing object rapidly travel east between 8 and 9 p.m. A few said the object was stationary. James Keller reported it was silent. Norton AFB, which had received several reports, claimed they had no aircraft in the air at the time that might fit the description. Sheriff's deputies found no evidence of a similar object which reportedly "crashed" into Cadiz Summit on Aug. 19 or 20. (San Bernardino Telegram, 8/22.)

Greater San Gabriel, Calif., Aug. 22. Hundreds of persons reported UFO's between 7 and 9 p.m. Mrs. Evelyn Iseli of Whittier and many neighbors observed two objects at 7:19, shortly followed by four more. Through 30X Bushnell telescope, UFO's appeared domed in a Mexican hat-shape to Warner Little, also of Whittier. Fullerton Police recorded on Daily Log at 8:45 p.m.: "Unidentified flying objects—numerous reports throughout Orange County of possible flying saucers." (Fullerton News Tribune, 8/23; Whittier News, 8/24; Evelyn Iseli on "Tom Duggan Show," KCOP, 8/30; other.)

Salem, Ore., Aug. 23. Three of six UFO's Kenneth Talmadge spotted at noon while watching a southbound vapor trail disappeared before he could summon co-employes of the Statesman-Journal. In all, five witnesses watched these latter three objects hover high over Woodburn for 10 minutes, after which two of them ascended out of sight "much faster than a plane." Shortly, the remaining UFO dived out of sight behind intervening buildings; shape undetermined. Talmadge said original vapor trail turned back north before reaching UFO's. Portland AFB said no military planes were based in the area at time of sighting. (The /Salem/ Oregon Statesman, 8/24.)

East Thermopolis, Wyoming, Aug. 31. A dozen residents told police they sighted "a round, ice blue object as big as a garage and with windows" hovering about 10 feet above ground. Mrs. Molly Wertz told Civil Defense officials and Police Chief Mel Mathews that her four sons and two neighbor boys drew her attention to the object, which she saw hovering over a tree about 100 yards distant. It was silent as it disappeared behind a hill, said Mrs. Wertz, adding that the UFO traveled "faster than anything I could comprehend." The police chief, after questioning the witnesses, stated their descriptions coincided. (AP. Thanks to Richard D. Vanderberg.)

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TEENAGERS RESPOND TO UFO QUERIES

By STEPHEN C. GRISILLO

I RECENTLY VISITED a Seventh Grade Science Class in Miami, Florida, Forty students between the ages of 13 and 15—just typical teenagers—comprised the class. They eagerly responded to several questions I asked them on "flying saucers." Their answers were most interesting, recorded as follows:

To the query of how many had read "saucer books," it developed that eight of them (18%) had read such a volume at one time or another. These books included Flying Saucers from Outer Space (Keyhoe), Flying Saucers Have Landed (Leslie-Adamski), The Case for the UFO (Jessup), The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects (Ruppelt), Flying Saucers (Menzel), Flying Saucers Uncensored (Wilkins) and Flying Saucers and Common Sense (Girvan). The first two books listed led the field, while The Case for the UFO /which has been reproduced in a paperback publication/ ran a close second. The rest tied for last place with one apiece.

THIRTY-SIX OF THE STUDENTS replied to my next two questions, the first of which was: "How many believe they are real and not hoaxes or hallucinations?"

Thirty-two hands raised, signifying about 88½% belief in the UFO. Four students (11½%) felt these objects to be "hoaxes or hallucinations".

To my next question, "How many think they have seen saucers at one time?", nine (20½%) said they had.

I LISTENED TO THESE NINE as they related their experiences. One boy told of a sighting a few years back in Miami Beach. His father was out on the porch of their motel, when he saw six bluish-white lights traveling in a V-formation overhead. He called out! At first a few neighbors, and eventually everyone on the block, were out observing the mysterious lights. The sighting was mentioned the following day in both of Miami's newspapers.

Another student told of an experience which occurred in 1955. This boy and his parents were driving home after viewing a movie in Miami Shores when they all noticed a strange blue light. The family watched the phenomenon for about five minutes as it made slow movements, after which it was lost from sight. Although this student could remember no details, a Miami paper the next day reported the incident as later did The UFO Annual by M. K. Jessup.

FROM MY EXPERIENCE WITH these teenagers, I believe it will be the adults of tomorrow who will resolve the saucer mystery. They are looking for the answers. And they are not afraid of the truth.

"To the pure, all things are pure: but to those who are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure..." —Titus, 1:15.

"It is much easier to be critical than to be correct."
—Benjamin Disraeli.

"Judge not, that you be not judged."
—St. Matthew, 7:1.

BOOK REVIEW

Flying Saucers, Space Travel and Atomic Energy by Dr. Daniel Q. Posin; 45 pages, $2.00. Privately published by the author. Reviewed by Paul R. Trent.

Within the initial chapter, "Flying Saucers and Little Green Men," Dr. Posin explains that some UFO sightings are of natural phenomena and misidentifications of known or astronomical objects. Chapter II discusses various aspects of the planet Mars. The author believes the "Martians, if any, would be of a lower order of development than the earth beings..."

In the third chapter, Posin boards an imaginary saucer to outer space. As a final note, he indicates UFO's originate from another galaxy. The remainder of the volume is devoted to a lesson in astronomy and concludes with exposition on atomic energy.

In conclusion, little on UFO's is actually given. And relatively few names, dates or places are included. For $2.00 the book comes complete with an autographed picture of the author, ready for framing. In spite of the above, this reviewer's impression of the publication is not entirely unfavorable.

(Editor's Note: Dr. Posin conducts a weekly science program on a Chicago television station. Flying Saucers International is not handling this lithographed booklet—the production of which can not be considered entirely professional—and those wishing copies should write directly to the author at 5427 Greenwood Ave., Chicago.)

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